

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) An insert for an airbag housing on a motor vehicle steering wheel ~~with~~ configured to couple a gas generator thereto for use ~~used~~ as a vibration-absorbing mass for damping steering wheel vibrations, ~~the gas generator being connected to the airbag housing via an insert with an annular rubber membrane extending along the length of the steering wheel axis, the annular rubber membrane~~ said insert comprising:

an annular rubber membrane extending along the length of a steering wheel axis including an edge that faces the airbag housing and provided with a surrounding metallic holding sheet for connection to the airbag housing[[:]] and another edge that is oriented toward the gas generator[[:]], wherein the rubber membrane is provided with a receiving element for frictional and/or snug acceptance of engagement with the gas generator, the receiving element having a length generally equal to the length of the annular rubber membrane.

2. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the receiving element ~~consists of~~ includes a ring encircling the gas generator .

3. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 2, wherein at a downward-oriented edge, the ring is provided with an inward-oriented border.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the metallic holding sheet is provided with holes for fastening screws.

6. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the rubber membrane is vulcanized onto at least one of the metallic holding sheet ~~and/or~~ and the receiving element.

7. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the rubber membrane protrudes slightly over an outer surface of the metallic holding sheet and is used for one of sealing purposes ~~or~~ and as a vibration restriction.

8. (currently amended) An ~~airbag housing including~~ insert configured to couple a gas generator to an airbag housing, said insert comprising:

~~an insert including~~ a first edge that faces the housing and a second edge that faces the gas generator, the first edge provided with a holding sheet that connects the insert to the housing and the second edge provided with a ring that encircles the gas generator;

wherein the ring extends a length generally equal to a length of the insert and is connected to the gas generator by one of pressing and ~~or~~ shrinking the ring onto an outer wall of the gas generator to hold the gas generator by friction.

9. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the ring includes an inward oriented border to hold the gas generator by friction.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the holding sheet is comprised of metal and includes holes for fastening screws.

12. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the insert comprises a conical rubber membrane.

13. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the ring comprises a tubular shape.

14. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the insert is connected to the holding sheet and the ring by vulcanization.